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SUBJECT: WASHINGTON POST ARTICLE ON GUATEMALA
COMMITMENT

1. SECRET - ENTIRE TEXT

2. I WAS DISCOURAGED TO SEE THE WASHINGTON POST
APRIL 7 ARTICLE BY OTTAWAY AND OBERDORFER STATING
THAT PAKISTAN HAS OFFERED TO ALLOW ASSISTANCE TO
CONTINUE TO BE FUNNELED TO THE RESISTANCE THROUGH
PAKISTAN. THE FACT THAT "ADMINISTRATION SOURCES"
WOULD CONFIRM THIS TO THE POST IS TROUBLESOME FOR
SEVERAL REASONS.

3. FIRST,

WE REALIZE THIS IS AN IMPOSSIBLE TASK IN
WASHINGTON. NEVERTHELESS, SUCH PROMPT AND PROMINENT
COVERAGE IS DISCOURAGING.

4. SECOND, THE ARTICLE NOTES THAT THE PAKISTANI
COMMITMENT WAS REAFFIRMED TO SECRETARY CARLUCCI
DURING HIS VISIT.

NOW THAT SOMEONE IN WASHINGTON HAS CHOSEN
TO HAVE OTTAWAY AND OBERDORFER MEMORIALIZE IT IN THE
WASHINGTON POST, OUR TASK IS MORE DIFFICULT.
NEVERTHELESS,

6. AS ZIA CONTINUES TO TELL ME, "IT'S TOUGH TO WORK"
IN A DEMOCRACY."
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